



SIGURD ANDERSON
PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, it is important that everyone takes time from daily tasks for a period of rest and relaxation to renew mental and physical well-being; and

WHEREAS, travel offers opportunities for new scenes, friends, and ideas and is a stimulating and refreshing experience giving the people of the great State of South Dakota occasion to meet their fellow citizens, enjoy the diversified scenery, friendly atmosphere and become better acquainted with the wealth of natural resources, new developments in every field of production and realize the contribution South Dakota has made to the welfare of this nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, an estimated two million persons from all parts of this nation and many foreign countries have visited South Dakota this year to see the unusual scenery; the prairies, plains and mountains, gleaming lakes, winding rivers, fertile fields, busy industries, bustling cities and modern farms and ranches; and

WHEREAS, during this, the 150th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase of which South Dakota was a part, it is well that our citizens see for themselves the great forces that have made and are making this a productive and progressive state: the harnessing of the mighty Missouri river with dams near Yankton, Lake Andes and Pierre; irrigation at Angostura near Hot Springs; the vast rangelands, feedlots and farms supporting two and one-half million cattle, two million hogs and a million sheep; mines in the Black Hills producing more than \$30 million annually in strategic and precious minerals; more than 500 industries in our cities, of which meat packing alone produces foods valued in excess of \$220 million; timber from our forests, valued at \$10 million a year; our nearly 4,000 public, private and elementary schools, 16 colleges and universities and hundreds of churches, all of which have made this a land of agreeable and bountiful living;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 20-26, 1953, inclusive as

SEE SOUTH DAKOTA WEEK

and urge that every citizen of this state and those from neighboring states make a special effort to visit some part of South Dakota. This is a time in South Dakota when most of our crops have been harvested, a period when warm days and crisp nights lend enchantment to our land. It is a time to see and learn about the changes being made to make this an even better state to visit and to live. It is important, in the words of famed architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, that we "Go to South Dakota...its treasure house is so near to us all."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed, this 8th day of September, 1953.

SIGURD ANDERSON
 Governor

ATTEST:

WILLIAM D. GUNDEL
 Secretary of State

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